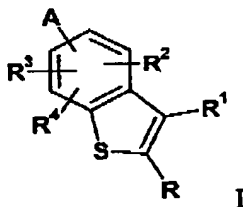


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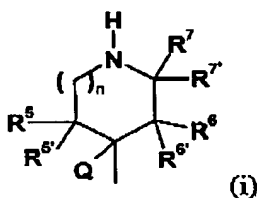
**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the Abstract with the following paragraph:

The present invention provides compounds of formula I:



where A is attached at either the 4- or 7-position of the benzothiophene nucleus and is an amine of formula (i):



and R, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>5'</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>6'</sup>, R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>7'</sup>, Q, and n are as defined in the specification, and their use in methods for increasing activation of the 5-HT<sub>2C</sub> receptor, treating obesity, depression, and/or obsessive compulsive disorder in mammals, particularly humans.